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MEMORANDUM FOR: DCFP

SUBJECT: Meeting of OCB Staff, 25 September.

1. A larger group than had been present at the earlier meetings assembled at Morgan's office at 1000 to discuss the future of the Psychological Operations Coordinating Committee. Present were:

[REDACTED]

2. There was an extended review of the previous POCC functions, in which it was evident that no one suggested a similar procedure for the future. However, I made the point that the POC staff (on which [REDACTED] represented us) had been useful, mainly as a liaison group. I suggested that a good solution would be to have this staff function continued, with fairly strong representation from each of the interested agencies; and that these staff designees report to the senior individuals who will be meeting with [REDACTED] each week in preparation for the OCB meetings. The thinking behind this is that many matters can be settled at the working level, with informal daily reports to an appropriate level within each agency; and that since these senior individuals will be meeting regularly anyway, they could probably dispose of the POC-type of problem within a very few minutes. This view was accepted by Defense, but was questioned by State, which was not sure that they would get sufficient benefit from a full time representative at USIA. [REDACTED] mentioned in this connection the daily briefing in his office of the five public affairs officers, and two representatives of USIA (I discussed ^{this} with him later, and we agreed that we need not send a representative to those meetings, since [REDACTED] fills us in on them daily.). FOA wishes to defer judgment on this point. USIA, I believe, will accept it. [REDACTED] is attempting to resolve this into a definite proposal for circulation next week. Attached is a copy of the summary provided for discussion at this meeting.

NSC REVIEW
COMPLETED,
10/31/03

[REDACTED]
Chief
Psychological Warfare Division

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Summary

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**PRESIDENT'S MEMORANDUM TO EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF
THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL, Sept. 2, 1953**

. . . .

"The functions of the Psychological Operations Coordinating Committee established pursuant to NSC 59/1 approved March 9, 1951, as modified by the President's directive of April 4, 1951 directing the establishment of the Psychological Strategy Board, are transferred to the Operations Coordinating Board.

"The President's directive of April 4, 1951, directing the establishment of the Psychological Strategy Board, is rescinded.

"The Psychological Operations Coordinating Committee referred to above is to be abolished."

. . . . **NSC 59/1**

NSC 59/1 assigned to the Secretary of State the following responsibilities:

"(1) The formulation of policies and plans for a national foreign information program in time of peace. This program shall include all foreign information activities conducted by departments and agencies of the U. S. Government.

"(2) The formulation of national psychological warfare policy in time of national emergency and the initial stages of war.

"(3) The coordination of policies and plans for the national foreign information program and for overt psychological warfare with the Department of Defense, with other appropriate departments and agencies of the U. S. Government, and with related planning under the NSC-10 series."

NSC 59/1 established "an organization" (later known as POC) within the Department of State to

"(a) Initiate and develop interdepartmental plans, make recommendations, and otherwise advise and assist the Secretary of State in discharging his responsibilities for the national foreign information program in time of peace.

"(b) Make

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"(b) Make plans for overt ^{info. as required} psychological warfare, including recommendations for preparations for national emergency and the initial stages of war. Such plans shall be continuously coordinated with joint war plans through the planning agencies of the Department of Defense and where such plans have a direct impact on war plans they shall be subject to the concurrence of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

...

EXECUTIVE'S DIRECTIVE OF APRIL 4, 1951

"It is the purpose of this directive to authorize and provide for the more effective planning, coordination and conduct, within the framework of approved national policies, of psychological operations.

"There is hereby established a Psychological Strategy Board responsible, within the purposes and terms of this directive, for the formulation and promulgation, as guidance to the departments and agencies responsible for psychological operations, of over-all national psychological objectives, policies and programs, and for the coordination and evaluation of the national psychological effort.

"The Board will report to the National Security Council on the Board's activities and on its evaluation of the national psychological operations, including implementation of approved objectives, policies and programs by the departments and agencies concerned.

"For the purposes of this directive, psychological operations shall include all activities (other than overt types of economic warfare) envisioned under NSC 59/1 and NSC 10/2, the operational planning and execution of which shall remain, subject to this directive, as therein assigned." . . .

... "The Secretary of State is authorized to effect such readjustments in the organization established under NSC 59/1 as he deems necessary to accomplish the purposes of this directive." . . .

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